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SUBJ: HAITI OVERSEAS AIRWAYS

REF: SECSTATE 267677

1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY FILES, GERARD POLLAS IS ACCOUNTANT BY PROFESSION WHO WAS INVOLVED IN TWO UNSUCCESSFUL BUSINESS VENTURES BEFORE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH EDWARD DOYLE. FIRST VENTURE WAS PARTNERSHIP IN SMALL IMPORT AGENCY THAT WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1955 AFTER ONE YEAR'S OPERATION. SECOND VENTURE WAS FIRM ORGANIZED BY POLLAS IN 1968 THAT SOUGHT WORK ASSEMBLING PRODUCTS OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERES USING LOCAL LABOR. FIRM OBTAINED FEW, IF ANY ORDERS FOR WORK AND IS BELIEVED TO BE INACTIVE AT PRESENT TIME. EMBASSY FILES REVEAL NO REPEAT NO DEROGATORY INFO ABOUT POLLAS.

2. ACCORDING TO POLLAS' LAWYER, POLLAS WAS EMPLOYED SEVERAL YEARS AS ACCOUNTANT BY LOCAL FLOUR MILL, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WORKED FOR LOCAL OFFICE OF SHELL OIL. IN 1974 EDWARD DOYLE PERSUADED POLLAS TO JOIN HOA AS PRESIDENT. POLLAS AGREED, AND AFTER INVESTING SOME OF HIS OWN MONEY IN VENTURE, USED LOCAL CONTACTS TO OBTAIN GOH APPROVAL FOR AIRLINE TO OPERATE IN HAITI. DOYLE PROMISED POLLAS SUBSTANTIAL RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT, BUT ACCORDING LAWYER, POLLAS LOST \$3,000. LAWYER CONSIDERS POLLAS TO BE BASICALLY HONEST INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS USED BY UNSCRUPULOUS PROMOTERS.

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3. LOCAL BANKING SOURCES UNABLE PROVIDE ASSESSMENT OF POLLAS'
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